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Identical letters dated 6 May 2015 from the Permanent Representative of Qatar to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

The State of Qatar being the Chair of the thirty-fifth session of the Cooperation Council for the Arab States of the Gulf, I write to bring to your attention the following:

On 5 and 6 May 2015, the Houthi militias launched a number of random mortar shells and Katyusha rockets targeting schools and a field hospital in the city of Najran, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. Those terrorist acts by the Houthi militias left a number of people dead or wounded, in a flagrant violation of the security and safety of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. They also violate the relevant Security Council resolutions, in particular resolution 2216 (2015), and are consistent with the Houthis' total rejection of the said resolution.

Those terrorist acts also aim to undermine the humanitarian action initiative by the leadership of the coalition in support of legitimacy in Yemen to respond to the needs of the Yemeni people through the implementation of humanitarian pauses for specified periods in order to carry out the initiative and deliver humanitarian aid. This confirms once again that the Houthi militias continue to defy international law's legitimacy and refuse to engage in the political process in Yemen, causing a serious escalation of the crisis in Yemen and a severe deterioration of the humanitarian situation, which consists of a further violation of the above-mentioned resolution.

We affirm that the coalition is taking appropriate measures, in accordance with the Charter of the United Nations and international law, to respond to the terrorist acts, counter the crimes of the foreign-funded and foreign-backed terrorist militias and protect the security and safety of the region, the sovereignty and borders of Saudi Arabia and the security and safety of Saudi and Yemeni citizens.

We once again call upon the Security Council to carry out its responsibilities and demand that all parties, and in particular the Houthis and their allies, fully implement the Council's relevant resolutions, including resolution 2216 (2015), and to take appropriate measures against all parties that have not committed to its resolutions and the countries supporting and associating with the Houthi militias in their terrorist crimes and their threat to the region's security and safety and international peace and security.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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